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**In re U.S. Patent Application of**

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**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

**Sir:**

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on July 30, 2007, the period of response to which is set to expire on January 30, 2008, with the payment of the appropriate government extension fee for three months. Please amend the above-referenced application as follows: